

Availability Committee- Frederick County Health Care Coalition Meeting Summary 4/25/07

Attendees: Dr. Jackie Douge', Leigh Joos, Renee' Kytte, Susan Lindstrom, Eileen McGrath, Dr. Marilea Miller, Jeffrie Normoyle, Mindy Rubin, Jim Williams

Review of 2/21/07 Meeting Minutes - No changes noted. Follow-up discussion of Nicole Hoff's dental health survey results and ongoing concerns regarding the lack of providers for children who have MA coverage and the lack of care options for adults.

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Bylaws questions/concerns – None

Web site - (<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/index.asp?nid=1936>) Leigh shared that standing committee descriptions, action plans, and minutes have been posted; expressed need for an update of the Availability goals/action plan since this has not been reviewed since the first the committee initially met.

Review of ICCC Meeting Minutes of 4/20/07 – The issue of dues and what they would cover was discussed; the recognition of the need for dues and the decision to defer the establishment of a dues structure/collection mechanism to the incoming Executive Board was reviewed.

Nominating Committee/Election of Exec. Board – Nominating process reviewed by Leigh; the nominating committee currently has 6 nominees for 5 at-large positions on the board; the logistics of voting at the May 23rd coalition meeting will be discussed at the next ICCC meeting, 5/4/07.

The need for elected committee chairs for the future board was discussed; in the absence of other nominees, Leigh Joos was selected to continue as chair of the Availability Committee

Update on community grant applications/initiatives –

Elizabeth Chung did not receive Asian-American health grant (Kellogg)

Jackie Douge' briefly summarized her application for a grant which would provide a dental case management model for children in the county; she anticipates feedback in late May.

School Based Health Center Initiative – Health care needs of families at Hillcrest Elementary will be surveyed 4/25 and in successive weeks to provide informational data.

Kaiser Bridge Program – Mindy Rubin of Kaiser summarized this program which will begin 7/1/07 and provide subsidized insurance/health care for 100 Frederick County individuals (initially). This program is limited to a total of 24 months and is ideally suited to someone who is “between” coverage or who will be able to obtain coverage prior to the expiration of this program. The cost to the individual would be approx. \$20-40/month based on income (less than 175% to 200% of FPL). The plan will provide comprehensive

care” for primarily adults at a KP center or with a Kaiser contracted provider; dental services would be discounted through a vendor.

The FCHD will act as Kaiser’s “community partner” recruiting, enrolling and monitoring eligibility data and providing annual recertification of enrollees. Program brochures were distributed.

Mindy answered committee members’ questions regarding the program. She also shared information about Kaiser’s Charitable Children’s Program currently offered in other communities; the program costs are typically covered by a public/private partnership amounting to \$25/month /child covered; committee members seemed interested in discussing this further at an upcoming meeting.

Next and Future Meeting Times – Availability meetings will generally be held the last Weds. of each month at FMH.

The next meeting will be May 30,2007 at FMH

Announcements:

Cover the Uninsured Week/Children’s Festival-4/28/07; Thanks to Marilea Miller and Sarah Penna (Afford. Comm) for volunteering to help distribute literature promoting children’s health coverage

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